

**MEMORANDUM**

June 2, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: "Capital for a Day" events

Attached you will find reference materials and talking points for events in Belzoni (most events are not formal speaking events – I have included separate sheets for each event with points). A formal speech for the Rotary Club is attached.

Brad McMullan and a cameraman from WAPT will ride with me to Belzoni. Once there, we will be following you around throughout the day. I have talked with Brad and he respects the fact there may be some times when he cannot follow you with a camera.

## **EVENT #1: PRAYER BREAKFAST**

This breakfast will take place at Mid-Delta Health Systems. Rep. Rufus Straughter is coordinating this event. The audience will be ministers and religious leaders from the Humphreys County area.

- **THANK YOU FOR LEADERSHIP YOU SHOW IN THIS COUNTY**
- **FAITH IN GOD, FAITH IN EACH OTHER WILL HELP US TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES BEFORE US**
- **I BELIEVE EVERY TOMORROW HAS TWO HANDLES**
  - **WE CAN GRAB HANDLE OF ANXIETY, OR HANDLE OF FAITH**
- **I PREFER TO HANG ON TO THE HANDLE OF FAITH**
- **FOR US, OUR FAITH IS THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR LIVES**
- **HELPS US TO FOCUS ON THE WORK WE DO TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR PEOPLE, OUR FAMILIES, OUR WAY OF LIFE**
- **I HAVE FAITH IN GOD, I HAVE FAITH IN YOU**
  - **I HAVE FAITH IN ALL OUR PEOPLE AND WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER**
- **I KNOW YOU SHARE THAT FAITH WITH ME**
- **TOGETHER, I WANT US TO WORK FOR THE PROMISE AND POTENTIAL OF THIS GREAT STATE**

## **EVENT #2: VISIT TO MID-DELTA DAY CARE CENTER**

You will meet with the center's director and staff, tour the facility and meet with the children. No formal remarks.

## **EVENT #3: VISIT WITH SENIOR CITIZENS AT MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING**

You will have an opportunity to make some brief remarks before visiting individually with senior citizens.

- **GOOD TO BE WITH ALL OF YOU THIS MORNING**
- **THIS IS OUR THIRD "CAPITAL FOR A DAY" AND WE'RE PROUD TO BE IN BELZONI**
- **BRINGING GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY TO YOU**
  - **ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH AGENCY DIRECTORS AND STAFF HERE TODAY**
- **ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO BUILD MISSISSIPPI**
- **YOUR HARD WORK IS THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR FUTURE**
- **IT'S A STRONG FOUNDATION**
- **I'M WORKING TO MAKE SURE YOUR WORK IS REMEMBERED**
- **WE DO THAT BY PROVIDING FOR YOU**
  - **MEDICAID**
- **WANT TO ENSURE YOU HAVE THE HEALTH CARE YOU NEED AND DESERVE**
- **CREATED HEALTH CARE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS ISSUES IMPORTANT TO YOU**
  - **MAKE SURE HEALTH CARE WORKS FOR YOU**

#### **EVENT #4: HOME PROGRAM RIBBON CUTTING**

There will be a brief program at Isola City Hall. You will issue a proclamation declaring June as “Home Ownership Month” in Mississippi. The Homeowner Rehabilitation Project is managed through the Community Services Division of MDA (see attached information).

- **IT IS GREAT TO BE IN HUMPHREYS COUNTY**
- **RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS NOTHING LIKE OWNING YOUR OWN HOME**
- **IMPORTANT FOR THAT HOME TO BE SAFE, SOUND AND SECURE**
- **HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION PROJECT OF MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELPS THAT HAPPEN**
- **WITH USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH HUD, WE’RE REBUILDING MISSISSIPPI**
- **\$350,000 GRANTED FOR ISOLA ALONE**
  - **6 HOMES, 20 BENEFICIARIES**
- **WE’LL BE GOING TO VISIT ONE OF THOSE HOMES IN A FEW MINUTES, HOME OF MR. JOE DUCK**
- **FIRST WANT TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF OWNING A HOME**
- **TODAY, ISSUING PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE AS “HOME OWNERSHIP MONTH” IN MISSISSIPPI**
- **(READ PROCLAMATION)**

**EVENT #5: ROTARY CLUB MEETING**

Formal remarks are attached.

**EVENT #6: TOUR DOWNTOWN BELZONI WITH MAYOR TOM TURNER**

No formal remarks.

**EVENT #7: TOUR OF FRESHWATER FARMS**

You will be touring the catfish farm and processing plant and meeting with employees. You will be met by Dean Kiker, Plant Manager. He will lead the tour. The plant employs 250-300 people.

No formal remarks.

**EVENT #8: PUBLIC RECEPTION**

You will have an opportunity to speak prior to presenting the “big check” for \$859,941.33, representing the total amount of TANF and CDBG funds awarded to Humphreys County this year.